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November 6 is Election Day. Be a VOTER!

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NOT A GOOD SIGN

Figures from the Department of Agriculture indicate that the number of farms in the United States is growing smaller, which is not the sign of the prosperous agriculture necessary to the national well-being as a whole.

Let no one be fooled about these figures. They mean that the smaller farmers are being ground to bits in the battle of mechanization, high prices and low income. It is not a good omen for the economic or social welfare of the nation, or for Virginia, or for Appomattox.

There is a growing tendency in this day to forget the fundamental importance of the prosperous farmer to the economy of the nation. It is to be expected that residents of the metropolitan areas, unfamiliar with the conditions that exist, get the idea that the government has been coddling American farmers, but it is somewhat tragic that some people, in places like Appomattox, have developed the same idea.

With soil erosion cutting down the number of fertile acres in this country, it is vitally important that we maintain a strong and prosperous agriculture. This cannot be done if the people who grow our feed, food and fiber, are to be relegated to an inferior economic status. Moreover, one should not everlook the fact that agriculture today is an enterprise which requires capital and it is no longer possible for anyone to make a living out of the soil without intelligent training and adequate equipment.

It might take a few years of semi-famine to make the people of this country understand just how important agriculture and the farmers are to the welfare of this nation and its people. We hope that no such tragedy occurs, but, just because we have had bumper crops for years, there is no certainty that the same good fortune will continue indefinitely.

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TWO KILLERS

Modern living in the United States is burdened with two heavy killers and they are often not recognized by many Americans.

The first killer we have in mind — tension — is recognized by more people than the other. High tension, and high -pressure living, burning the candle at both ends, so to speak, is responsible for the rapidly increasing heart attack death rate and for strokes, which are becoming increasingly common.

Another killer is over-eating, and the consumption of the wrong kind of food, especially grease. We in the United States enjoy such an abundance of food that we more frequently kill ourselves by overeating than some nations—which with must less in the way of natural riches, suffer from under-nourishment.

Grease is especially hard to digest and in many sections of our country — especially in the South — grease is consumed in quantities which are certainly formidable. Therefore, as an amateur doctor, we will suggest to our readers that they slow up their pace of life and adjust their eating habits to more careful ones—and live a longer, healthier and happier life.

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GET OUT THE VOTE DRIVE

We are happy to commend the Appomattox County Junior Chamber of Commerce for its current "Get Out The Vote" drive. Without taking sides as to candidates or parties, the Jaycees simply ask that you vote on November 6. Surely that request is simple enough, and surely we can not afford to have a minority of citizens decide how our country will be governed. The only way a democracy can succeed is for it to be a working democracy. Many of us have already arrived at our choice of parties for the November 6 election. Others remain undecided, but will arrive at a decision and vote. The unhappy situation is that too many are indifferent and just will not bother to inform themselves and vote at all. We hope that Appomattox County will cast a tremendous vote.

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WARNS AGAINST HIGH TARIFFS

A Federal Reserve Board economist, Arthur M. Marget, recently told a Congressional committee that allowing high protectionist tariffs to be passed into law would be a sure way of upsetting the rising level of United States foreign trade.

Moreover, Marget said that if high tariff forces prevail and tariffs in the United States were substantially increased, the United States might be in for "very serious difficulties."

It will probably be remembered that the passage of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act in 1930 set off a world-wide reaction of counter trade restrictions. Quotas were used by some countries, barter agreements were resorted to by Germany, unilateral trade agreements were more widely consumated and tariffs were raised, in turn, by other countries. The necessity for this was the fact that other countries could not afford to buy goods from the United States if they could not sell their goods in this country.

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COMPLIMENTS AND SMILES

Two of the weapons used by today's smooth operators are compliments and smiles. We do not belittle the value of these two items, or to indicate that compliments should not be freely given and that smiles should not be more freely used.

However, it is pretty obvious that, in the commercial field, compliments and smiles are an overworked commodity. The smooth-talking salesman, who is full of compliments, is obvious, but the smooth-talking sunshine friend, who plies you with compliments and smiles, it not so obvious.

One can get a general idea of his real friends by their actions over the years, and a smile and a nice compliment each morning would not necessarily constitute any character trait, or any solid friendship, or any genuine personality—in some cases.

We are old-fashioned enough to prefer the fellow with a frown, or one who is not an animated darling and who does not have a TV-personality, who but is sincere, to the fast cowboys with the wide grin and a wisecrack for every occasion. The real values of frankness, honest and genuine sincerity are often unappreciated.

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One problem of living is to find time for the things that we would like to do if we had the time.

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We have seldom met a person who didn't have the solution to one or more of the world's pressing problems.

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It is surprising how well you can get along with others if you keep your mouth shut, and let somebody else do the talking.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Bible Lesson for Sunday October 21, 1956

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Deuteronomy 6.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 78:1-7.

Home School

Lesson for October 21, 1956

NOT many people are born in a school-house. But most people in America move to some school-house before they are two weeks old. Because then they come home from the hospital; and home is the greatest school in the world. Experts tell us that a child learns more before he is six than he ever learns afterward; but at the age of six he is only just starting to school, as the saying is. It's only a saying, because he has been learning every minute since he first blinked at the light, and most of this he learned right at home. Learning is not just what is printed in books. The child learns to understand and to speak his mother-tongue; he learns to walk and run and eat and play. He learns a little about how to get along with other people. Among the most important things he learns are what never gets into a book—prejudices, habits, attitudes, both good and bad.

Dr. Foreman

Learning Religion at Home

It is true that our relation to God is more important than any other relation of life, then it is true also that the religion learned in the home is more important than anything else learned there. Suppose a child's home-school teaches everything except religion, how much hope is there that religion will become real to him? There are 168 hours in every week. Take out 56 for sleeping (it would really be more for a child) and you have left 112 waking hours. Let us suppose that little Johnnie Doe, Jr., is sent off to Sunday school by Mr. and Mrs. Doe, who take him and fetch him afterwards, but never, no never go to Sunday school or church themselves. That makes one hour of religion per week. 111 hours of no-religion. How much of anything is a child going to learn if he has less than one per cent of his time to put on it? If all the religious homes of America stopped teaching religion, the churches and synagogues would soon fold up.

But Can Religion Be Taught?

At this point someone may catch us up. Can religion be taught? Isn't it "caught, not taught"? Quite so. The genuine spark is kindled only on the invisible altar of God. But in your car engine, the spark does not come to life in an empty chamber. There has to be there the right mixture of gasoline vapor and air. Without that, the sparks shine for a brief instant and go out—and nothing happens. When a gardener plants vegetables, he knows that if the seed is not fertile his work is useless. Everything depends on a germ he did not and cannot create. But that does not give him leave to quit his job. The gardener's job is to prepare the seed-bed in which the living seed will sprout and not die. So the home prepares the seed-bed in which the living seed of God's grace can bring forth a harvest. Speaking without parables, the home can teach a great many things about religion which can't be learned by inspiration or absorption. The Bible is high among these; in the home begins the work of filling the storehouse of the mind with treasures from the Word of God.

"When Your Son Asks You . . ."

The great sixth chapter of Deuteronomy is perhaps one of the most often quoted chapters of the Bible. In it, father and mothers are commanded to be teachers. God knows that rabbis and priests and preachers are never enough. But we find in this chapter also (among many others) this further thought: Children will not always understand all they are taught. They will ask "Why?" So, when (in the words of Deuteronomy) your son asks, What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the ordinances . . . ?" The father and mother are not to dodge such questions. There is nothing meaningless about true religion; on the contrary, religion discovers life's central meaning. True religion is not a set of "scruples" as an unsympathetic sociologist has put it, —not a collection of senseless "Don'ts." A great phrase in Deuteronomy put a great deal in a few words: true religion, all the commandments of God, everything we ought to believe and be and do, is "for our good always." But father and mother must learn that first before they can teach it.

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Washington Notes

BUYS U. S. WHEAT

The emergency sale of 40,000 tons of wheat to Afghanistan to help relieve food shortages caused by floods and drought was recently announced by the Government. The deal was arranged by the International Cooperation Administration.

NATIONAL PRODUCTION

National production has moved to a record rate of $414,000,000,000 a year, according to Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors. Mr. Burns, however, pointed to some "soft spots," listing them as the need to solve the income problem of farmers, to end persistent poverty in some rural areas of the South and elsewhere, to correct chronic joblessness in some cities and to cope with the many difficulties facing small businessmen.

U. S. VOTERS

There are about 102,750,000 civilians in the United States who would be old enough to vote in the Presidential election on November 6th, according to the Census Bureau. This is 4,650,000 more than in 1952, when 98,100,000 persons were old enough. In 1952, only 61,552,000 exercised their franchise.

HORSES AND MULES

The horse and mule population of the United States totaled 2,141,288 in 1954, as compared to 7,603,910 in 1950. St. Landry Parish in Louisiana had the highest number of horses and mules — 13,897, or 0.3 per cent of the U. S. total. Next in order were Apache County and Navajo County in Arizona and McKinley County in New Mexico.

WHEAT SOIL BANK

Up to Sept. 28, winter wheat farmers had signed 106,483 agreements putting 4,335,555 acres in the soil bank program. This was considerably less than the goal of 15,000,000 acres of which the department hoped would be placed in the soil bank, including coverage on both winter and spring wheat.

RURAL ELECTRICITY

Figures of the Rural Electrification Administration show that almost 95 per cent of the nation's farms now have electricity. As of June 30, 94.2 per cent of the farms and ranches had electric power, according to the Agriculture Department.

COFFEE CONSUMPTION

Nearly one person out of three in the United States — more than ever before — now drinks four or more cups of coffee a day. This is 1 per cent more than a year ago. The daily average of coffee consumption of persons over ten years last winter was 2.68 cups, slightly higher than the 1955 rate but 12.6 per cent more than in 1950.

CHRISTMAS MAILING

The Defense Department has issued a Christmas reminder that presents for service men stationed overstas should be mailed between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15. Gifts must be wrapped securely in parcels not exceeding 100 inches in total length and girth. Parcels destined for Great Britain should weigh no more than 50 pounds and to other points no more than 70 pounds.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, Oct. 15.- Mr. E. P. Sears, who is convalescing after an operation is spending some time in Farmville with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sears.

Mrs. Ernest Harwood is out again after having the flu.

Mrs. E. A. Covington was the week-end guest of her daughter, in East Orange, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Harris, of Williamsburg spent the week-end in the home of Mr. DeWitt Goin.

Mr. DeWitt Goin surprised his many friends by attending preaching at Hixburg Presbyterian Church the first Sunday. He is at home, and is much improved after an extended illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Covington were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rosser in Farmville on Sunday.

Mr. Elantha Carson, of Covington, who was taken sick while visiting his brother, Jim, was taken to the Southside Community Hospital on Friday for treatment.

Johnny Covington won the first prize for tobacco at the Farmville fair.

Eddie Covington took the prize on a Guernsey calf at Farmville fair.

Earl Covington was given prize on his Guernsey calf at Farmville fair. At the Farmville Farm Show, Earl was third on his calf.

Mr. J. S. Hix, of Tyrone, Pa., is expected to spend the next week, Oct. 21-26, in the home of Mr. W. D. Hix, Jr.

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club in the home of Elsie Bondurant Friday evening, Oct. 12. There was one new member, Eleanor Watson. Officers were elected. The President, Anne Martin; Vice-pres., Percy Lands; Secretary, Louella Martin; Treasurer, Estelle Coleman; Reporter, Elsie Bonner; Song leaders: Eleanor Bondurant and Jane Nash.

Mr. Jim Smith, County agent, showed the movie, "The Lady Came Back."

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Exhibit Schedule Given For Fall Flower Show

The Fall Flower Show of the Appomattox Garden Club will be held in the Appomattox Elementary School Cafeteria, October 20 and 21. It will be open to the public on Saturday from 3:00 to 9:00 P. M. and on Sunday from 2:00 to 6:00 P. M.

Below is the schedule:
Theme: "Count Your Blessings."

Group I
Horticulture

SECTION I—ROSES
Class 1. Hybrid Tea.
A. White. B. Pink. C. Red.
D. Yellow. E. Bicolor. F. "Peace."
Class 2. Floribundas.
A. White. B. Pink. C. Red.
D. Yellow. E. Bicolor.
Class 3. Specimens of other roses (including Old-fashioned minatures, climbers, etc.)
Class 4. Collections. A. Hybrid Tea - not less than 3, nor more than 5. B. Different varieties.
Note: stems of roses should not be over 12 in., nor less than 7 in.)

SECTION 2 — CHRYSANTHEMUMS — ANY COLOR
Class 5. Buttons. A. Specimen one spray. B. Collection, 3 to 5 sprays.
Class 6. Pompoms. A. Specimen one spray. B. Collection 3 to 5 sprays.
Class 7. — Singles.
A. Specimen, one spray, not disbudded.
B. Collection, three sprays, not disbudded.
C. Specimen, one spray, disbudded.
D. Collection, three sprays, disbudded.
Class 8 — Aster Type or Double.
A. Specimen.
B. Collection.
Class 9. Exhibition Type (Large flowering).
A. Specimen.
B. Collection.
Class 10. - Any other type.
A. Specimen.
B. Collection.

SECTION 3 — DAHLIAS
(Stems at least 8 in. long).
Class 11.- Large or Exhibition Type (over 8 in. in dia.)
A. Specimen. — one stem.
B. Collection.
Class 12 - Medium Type (4 to 8 in. in dia.)
A. Specimen.
B. Collection.
Class 13 - Miniatures (under 4 inches)
A. Specimen.
B. Collection.
Class 14. - Pompoms (under 2 inches)
A. Specimen.
B. Collection.
Class 15 - Ball Type (2 to 3½ inches)
A. Specimen.
B. Collection.

SECTION 4 — ANNUALS
Class 16: Marigolds.
A. Large. B. Dwarf. C. Collection.
Class 17: Zinnias.
A. Large. B. Dwarf. C. Collection.
Class 18: Petunia.
A. Single. B. Double. C. Collection.
Class 19: Cosmos.
A. Specimen. B. Collection.
Class 20: Celosia (cockscomb)
A. Specimen. B. Collection.
Class 21: Any other garden flower. A. Specimen. B. Collection.

PERENNIALS - SECTION 5
Class 22: Any late - blooming perennial flower (when 3 or more exhibits of one variety have been entered by different exhibitors, this shall constitute a subclass, and will be reclassed by classification committee).

SECTION 6 - AFRICAN VIOLETS
Class 23:
A. Single - Blue
B. Single - White
C. Single - Pink
D. Single - Purple
E. Single - Red
F. Single - Lavender
G. Double - Blue
H. Double - White
I. Double - Pink
J. Double - Purple
K. Double - Red
L. Double - Lavender
M. Any other, single or double.

SECTION 7— HOUSE PLANTS
Class 24:
A. Any flowering house plant.
B. Any foliage house plant.

SECTION 8 — EVERGREENS
(Note: one branch or spray, 12 to 24 inches)
Class 25: Broadleaf
Class 26: Berry-bearing
Class 27: Long needled
Class 28: Short needled
Class 29: Collection of evergreens, 3 to 5.
(Note: when 3 or more exhibits of one variety have been entered by different exhibitors, this shall constitute a subclass, and will be reclassed by the classification committee).

Group II will be made up of Junior Exhibits.

Section 9 - Horticulture.

SECTION 10 — ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS
Class 31: "Blessings of Learning" - A composition for teacher's desk, using any school supplies as accessories to interpret school days.
Class 32: "God's Miracles" - Seedtime and harvest. A composition of fruit, flowers and vegetables - a few seed of any of the material used, displayed with the exhibit.

SECTION 11: School Art Exhibit
Class 33: Art sketches in colors of flowers - painting in any medium. Must be the work of the exhibitor.

GROUP III
ARTISTIC EXHIBITS (Adults)

SECTION 12:
Class 34: "Thy Woods and Templed Hills"-A composition with accent on the out-of-doors, using pine or any woodland material.
Class 35: "They Bountiful Care" —A composition using fruit, flowers, foliage and - vegetables.
Class 36: "Our Daily Bread" — open only to those who have never won a blue ribbon in a flower show. An arrangement suitable for the kitchen - with or without accessories.
Class 37: "A Goodly Heritage" A composition in the colonial manner - a pretty bouquet that might have been used on the parlor table in grandmother's day - using any heirloom as a part of the exhibit.
Class 38: "Little Things." A small arrangement not to exceed 6 inches.
Class 39: "Freedom of Worship" A. An arrangement suitable for the worship center in a church. B. A pair of arrangements suitable for worship center in the church.
Class 40: "Happy Occasions." A. Home at Thanksgiving (Advance entry required) Dinner table arrangement, exhibitor to furnish cloth and two place settings.
A. Formal B. Informal
B. Blessed Event — An arrangement for the nursery.
C. Friendly Chats - An arrangement in a tea cup with saucer.
D. Father's Day. A composition suitable for a man's den.
Class 41: "Favorable Season's" An all - green composition - fruits or vegetables permitted.
Class 42: "Gift From the Sea." A composition using shells, driftwood, etc. in any manner.
Class 43: "Sunset on the Horizon" - An arrangement in a brass or copper container.
Class 44: "The Rainbow." A mass arrangement in pastel colors.

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Bonewall, Oct. 15.- We are just delighted to have such pretty weather. We hope it will continue.

Our community was so saddened on Friday to hear of the death of one of its most beloved citizens, Mr. Brent Stratton. He will surely be missed by his many, many friends. He was born and reared in our community and had spent the most of his life here among us. We want to extend deepest sympathy to his wife and daughter, brother and sisters, and other loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and children, of Richmond; Mrs. Bettie Bailey, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and children, of Appomattox, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Mrs. Elsie Caldwell, of Evington, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr.

The children of Mrs. J. H. Beard celebrated her birthday on Sunday at her home. We wish for her many happy days to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gilliam, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton. Miss Berta Gill, of Richmond is spending awhile in the same home.

Sorry to hear that Mr. Lyle Powell is back in a Richmond Hospital. Hope for him a speedy recovery. Mrs. Caldwell is staying with her father, Mrs. Neal Williams in Lynchburg while he is away.

The W. S. C. S. of Bethel Church met with Mrs. C. M. Stratton Tuesday of this week.

The W. M. U. of Hebron Church met with Mrs. Wallace Bondurant next Tuesday night, October 23. A good attendance is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Colie Rock and boys went to see Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rock on last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, Mark and Bonnie Lynn, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gilliam.

Sorry to hear that Mr. Marvin Stratton is on the sick list, and wish him a speedy get - well.

Mr. and Mrs. Orange Burnette, of Virginia, expect to arrive next week to spend his vacation with his father, Rufus Burnette and family, and other kinfolk around here.

CALL AT ONCE

Evington Miss.- Mrs. Herbert Carter, one of those persons who never won anything in her life, won anything in her recent ticket at the Sigley Fair Fair won her a 14-cubic refrigerator. The very next night returned to the fair and won a automobile.

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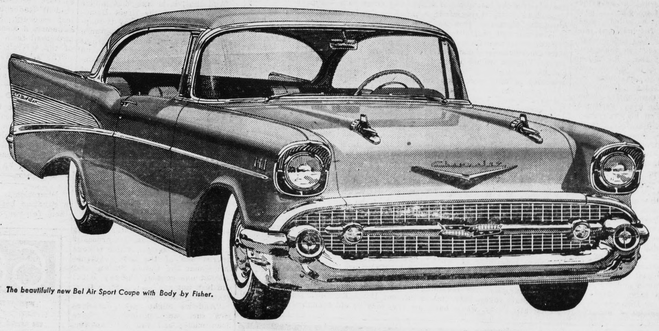

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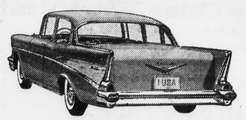

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